

Central Intelligence Agency



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The Honorable James H. Scheuer  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Natural Resources,  
Agriculture Research and Environment  
Committee on Science and Technology  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the Director of Central Intelligence, I would like to express support for the comments of the Department of Defense (DOD) on H.R. 4836, the "Land Remote-Sensing Commercialization Act of 1984." We support those DOD comments that propose changes to this bill to ensure that the DOD and the Department of State retain the authority to establish conditions concerning national security and international legal obligations, respectively. A list of the pertinent DOD suggested changes is enclosed.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Sincerely,

Clair E. George  
Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

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Section 104, para 3(A). Add the following sentence:

"Preferences or special arrangements that are required by the conditions established pursuant to section 606 to meet the national security concerns or the international obligations of the United States shall be deemed non-discriminatory."

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Delete 402(b)(1). Substitute the following:

"The system shall be operated in compliance with the conditions established pursuant to section 606 to meet the international obligations and national security concerns of the United States."

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Section 403(d). Before "international" add "conditions established pursuant to section 606 to meet the"...

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Section 606.

606(a). Add the following sentence:

The Secretary of Defense shall determine those conditions necessary to impose on any system operator to meet national security concerns of the United States.

606(b)(1). Add the following sentence:

The Secretary of State shall determine those conditions necessary to impose on any system operator to meet international obligations of the United States.

606(c)(1). Delete entire paragraph.